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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MAY 6 LETTER (CICULATED AS GA DOCUMENT
A/10082) FROM SPANISH PERMREP TO SYG, PROTESTING, ON INSTRUCTIONS
FROM SPANISH GOVERNMENT, STATEMENT BY MOROCCAN KING HASSAN TO
FRENCH RADIO STATION "FRANCE INTER" APRIL 28:

QUOTE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

LETTER DATED 6 MAY 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
SPAIN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO
BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE STATEMENTS MADE BY H.M. HASSAN
II ON 28 APRIL 1975 TO THE FRENCH BROADCASTING STATION "FRANCE
INTER", WHICH HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISSEMINATED BY THE INTER-
NATIONAL PRESS AGENCIES.

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IN THESE STATEMENTS THE KING OF MOROCCO REFERRED TO THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION OF THE SAHARA IN TERMS WHICH, IN THE VIEW OF MY GOVERNMENT, ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND WITH THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH A VIEW TO THE DECOLONIZATION OF THAT TERRITORY.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE PRESENCE OF MOROCCAN ARMED FORCES ON THE FRONTIER OF THE SAHARA, HIS MAJESTY STATED THE FOLLOWING: "WHY ARE WE KEEPING THIS ARMY THERE?" (SOUTHERN ZONE OF MOROCCO). "FOR TWO REASONS: FIRSTLY, TO AFFIRM THE MOROCCAN PRESENCE; IN ADDITION, AND ABOVE ALL, TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK-AT ALL LEVELS-FOR THE INEXORABLE MARCH WHICH THE MOROCCAN PEOPLE WILL NOT FAIL TO UNDERTAKE, WITH THEIR KING AT THEIR HEAD, IT EMBITTERED OR FRIVOLOUS PERSONS SHOULD SEEK TO INITIATE THE PROCESS OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN THE SAHARA."

THE PROCESS OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN THE SAHARA WHICH IS NOW UNDER WAY IS NOT, AS THE KING OF MOROCCO SEEKS TO IMPLY, SOMETHING INITIATED BY A FEW FRIVOLOUS PERSONS BUT IS RATHER THE EXPRESSION OF THE WILL OF THE UNITED NATIONS BASED ON THE CHARTER AND ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) AND CLEARLY DEFINED IN A LONG SERIES OF RESOLUTIONS ON THE SAHARA, MANY OF THEM ADOPTED WITH THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF MOROCCO, WHICH RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF THE SAHARAUI PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE AND LAY DOWN GUIDELINES FOR THE EXERCISE OF THAT RIGHT.

THE STATEMENTS OF H.M. HASSAN II ARE SURPRISING NOT ONLY IN THAT THEY IMPLY AN OBVIOUS DISREGARD OF UNITED NATIONS DOCTRINE WITH RESPECT TO THE DECOLONIZATION OF THE SAHARA, LABELLING AS EMBITTERED OR FRIVOLOUS THOSE WHO FORMULATED AND WISH TO APPLY THAT DOCTRINE, BUT ALSO- AND THIS IS EVEN MORE, INDEED MUCH MORE, IMPORTANT - BECAUSE THEY IMPLY A GRAVE THREAT TO, AND AN INTOLERABLE INTIMIDATION OF, THE SAHARAUI PEOPLE AT THE CRITICAL TIME IN THE PROCESS OF THEIR SELF-DETERMINATION, WHICH MUST BE GUARANTEED BY THE UNITED NATIONS.

AS YOU KNOW, 12 MAY 1975 IS THE DATE OF THE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE TERRITORY OF A MISSION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE SENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFER WHICH I HAD THE HONOUR TO MAKE ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT TO THE FOURTH COMMITTEE ON 4 DECEMBER 1974. THAT MISSION WILL HAVE ALL THE FACILITIES REQUIRED TO ENABLE IT FULLY TO COMPLY WITH THE MANDATE CONFERRED BY THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND, ACCORDINGLY, TO ASCERTAIN THE ACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE TERRITORY AND THE WILL

OF THE SAHARAUI PEOPLE CONCERNING THE WAY IN WHICH THEIR RIGHT
TO SELF-DETERMINATION IS TO BE GIVEN EFFECT.

THE STATEMENTS OF H.M. HASSAN II TO WHICH I HAVE REFERRED SEEM TO BE
AIMED AT INTIMIDATING THE SAHARAUI PEOPLE WITH A CLEAR THREAT
TO MARCH ON THEM, I.E. TO USE FORCE TO PREVENT SELF-DETERMINATION,
IN A MANNER INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PURPOSES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS. EQUALLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE EXALTED GOAL OF PEACE OF
THE UNITED NATIONS ARE THE FOLLOWING WORDS SPOKEN BY H.M. HASSAN II
IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED INTERVIEW WITH "FRANCE INTER": EVEN
IF THE SAHARA SITUATION DECAYS, THAT CAN ONLY BENEFIT MOROCCO."

MOROCCO, AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND AS A COUNTRY
OF THE AREA, HAS THE OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND SECURITY
THERE AND IT IS CONSEQUENTLY SURPRISING THAT MOROCCO SHOULD
REGARD AS FAVOURABLE TO ITS INTEREST A HYPOTHETICAL
DETERIORATION OF PEACE IN THE SAHARA.

MY GOVERNMENT, IN ITS CAPACITY AS ADMINISTERING POWER, WISHES TO
ACQUAINT YOU WITH THESE FACTS AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD
TRANSMIT THIS NOTE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE
SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE
GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES
AND TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VISITING MISSION TO THE SAHARA
AND WOULD HAVE IT CIRCULATED AS A DOCUMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
UNDER ITEM 23 OF THE PRELIMINARY LIST OF ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED
IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE THIRTIETH SESSION.

(SIGNED) JAIME DE PINIES

AMBASSADOR

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SPAIN
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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